

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/780,324

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Leo H. McCormick, Jr. (Reg. No. 25,897) on 09/13/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the Abstract:

In line 6, "means" has been changed to --sleeves--.

The above change has been made to exclude legal phraseology "means" from language of the Abstract.

#### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

In claim 2, lines 2-3, "advantageously three studs," have been deleted,

In claim 4, line 1, "the preceding claim" have been changed to --Claim 3--,

In claim 6, line 1, "the preceding claims" have been changed to --Claim 5--,

In claim 10, line 1 "the preceding claim" have been changed to --Claim 9--,

In claim 11, line 1, "the preceding claim" have been changed to --Claim 10--,

In claim 12, line 2, "the preceding claim" have been changed to --Claim 11--.

The above changes to the claims have been made to overcome rejection under 35 USC § 112 and to clarify claim dependency.

***Reasons for allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement to a supply device of braking fluid for a braking system over U.S. Patent No. 5,826,845 which teaches a supply device 10 of braking fluid for a braking system, comprising at least one reservoir 14 for supplying a master cylinder, and a rigid support 16 for said reservoir 14, the said reservoir 14 comprising means for flow of braking fluid in braking system.

The improvement comprises first attachment means able to collaborate with second attachment means borne by the rigid support, the first attachment means and the second attachment means comprising male and female elements collaborating with one another, and elastic means being inserted between the male elements and the female elements characterized in that the means for flow of braking fluid and the first attachment means are separate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Prior Art***

Prior art made of record but not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure and consist of five patents.

La Brie (2,095,752) is cited to show a reservoir, a rigid support, connection for flow of fluid but fails to teach attachment male and female elements collaborating with each other and elastic sleeve.

Dick (2,241,188) is cited to show a reservoir, a rigid support, connection for flow of fluid but fails to teach attachment male and female elements collaborating with each other and elastic sleeve.

Come (4,217,922) is cited to show a reservoir, and connection for flow of fluid but fails to teach attachment female elements collaborating with each other and elastic sleeve and a rigid support.

Murata (4,346,865) is cited to show a reservoir, a rigid support, connection for flow of fluid but fails to teach attachment male and female elements collaborating with each other and elastic sleeve.

Robinson (6,098,949) is cited to show attachment male and female elements collaborating with each other and elastic sleeve, and a rigid support, but fails to teach a reservoir having connection for flow of fluid.

***Contact information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Kershteyn whose telephone number is

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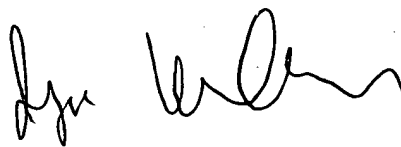
**(571)272-4817**. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look, can be reached on **(571)272-4820**. The fax number is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0861.

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